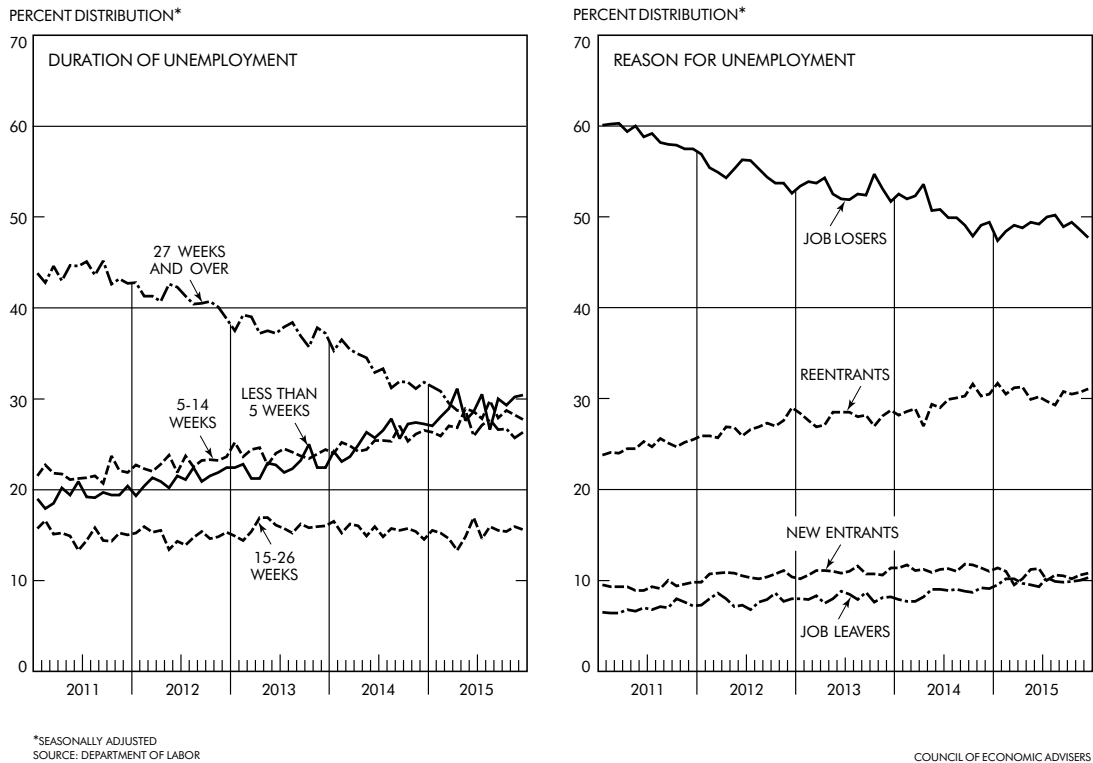


Selected Measures of Unemployment and Unemployment Insurance Programs

In December, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and 27 weeks and over rose, while the percentages for 5 to 14 weeks and 15 to 26 weeks fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 27.6 weeks and the median duration fell to 10.5 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted by NSA]

Period	Unemployment (thou- sands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unemploy- ment, all programs (NSA) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job losers	Job leavers	Reentrants	New entrants	Insured unemploy- ment (NSA)	Initial claims (NSA)	
		Less than 5 weeks	5–14 weeks	15–26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Average (mean) ¹	Median							
												Weekly average, thousands		
2006	7,001	37.3	30.3	14.7	17.6	16.8	8.3	47.4	11.8	32.0	8.8	2,476	313	2,521
2007	7,078	35.9	31.5	15.0	17.6	16.8	8.5	49.7	11.2	30.3	8.9	2,572	324	2,612
2008	8,924	32.8	31.4	16.0	19.7	17.9	9.4	53.7	10.0	27.7	8.6	3,306	424	3,899
2009	14,265	22.2	26.8	19.5	31.5	24.4	15.1	64.2	6.2	22.3	7.3	5,724	568	9,123
2010	14,825	18.7	22.0	16.0	43.3	33.0	21.4	62.4	6.0	23.4	8.2	4,487	454	9,732
2011	13,747	19.5	21.8	15.0	43.8	39.3	21.4	59.0	7.0	24.7	9.3	3,679	406	7,630
2012	12,506	21.1	22.9	14.9	41.1	39.4	19.3	55.0	7.7	26.7	10.5	3,297	374	6,048
2013	11,460	22.5	24.1	15.8	37.6	36.5	17.0	53.0	8.1	28.0	10.9	2,947	342	4,605
2014	9,617	25.7	25.3	15.6	33.5	33.7	14.0	50.7	8.6	29.4	11.3	2,574	305	2,658
2015	8,296	28.9	27.7	15.3	28.1	29.2	11.6	49.0	9.9	30.6	10.6			
2014: Dec ^r	8,704	27.2	26.5	14.5	31.8	32.5	12.6	49.4	9.1	30.5	11.0	2,814	435	2,865
2015: Jan ^r	8,920	27.0	26.3	15.5	31.3	32.0	13.4	47.4	9.5	31.7	11.4	2,912	399	2,958
Feb ^r	8,646	28.0	25.9	15.2	30.8	31.4	13.0	48.4	10.2	30.5	11.0	2,759	296	2,801
Mar ^r	8,557	28.9	27.0	14.6	29.5	30.4	12.1	49.1	10.2	31.2	9.5	3,120	282	3,166
Apr ^r	8,523	31.1	26.8	13.3	28.7	30.5	11.6	48.8	9.7	31.3	10.2	2,400	289	2,438
May ^r	8,619	27.6	28.9	14.8	28.7	30.5	11.6	49.4	9.5	29.9	11.2	2,224	254	2,260
June ^r	8,262	28.6	28.6	16.9	25.9	28.1	11.4	49.2	9.3	30.2	11.3	2,311	300	2,346
July ^r	8,249	30.5	27.8	14.6	27.1	28.3	11.4	50.0	10.3	29.7	10.0	2,326	298	2,360
Aug ^r	8,018	26.6	29.8	15.9	27.7	28.3	12.1	50.2	9.9	29.3	10.6	2,462	246	2,500
Sept ^r	7,925	30.0	27.9	15.5	26.6	26.3	11.3	48.9	9.8	30.8	10.5	2,003	233	2,037
Oct ^r	7,899	29.3	28.7	15.4	26.7	28.0	11.1	49.4	9.9	30.5	10.2	1,872	266	1,907
Nov ^r	7,924	30.2	28.2	15.9	25.7	27.9	10.7	48.6	10.0	30.7	10.6	2,264	307	2,304
Dec	7,904	30.4	27.7	15.6	26.3	27.6	10.5	47.7	10.3	31.1	10.8			

¹ Beginning January 2011, includes unemployment durations of up to 5 years; prior data are for up to 2 years.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands), Federal (UCFE), ex-service members (UCX), and Federal and State extended benefit programs. Also includes Emergency Unemployment Compensation (2008-2013) and Federal Additional Compensation (2009-2010).

Note: Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims). See Note, p. 11.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).